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SUBJECT: UNIDO FERTILIZER CONSULTATION: RULES OF PROCEDURE SCUTTLED

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1. REFTEL TRANSMITTED DRAFT RULES OF PROCEDURE FOR
SUBJECT MEETING AND INDICATED INTENTION OF GROUP B
TO INSTRUCT ITS CHAIRMAN (VON SCHENCK - SWITZERLAND)
ON GROUP B VIEWS PRIOR TO MEETING WITH SECRETARIAT
JAN. 11. IN GROUP B MEETINGS AFTERNOON JAN. 10 AND
MORNING JA. 11, MEMBERS EXPRESSED WISH MODIFY DRAFT
RULES (A) TO PERMIT CONSULTATION TO ARRIVE AT RESULTS
OTHER THAN "RECOMMENDATIONS AND CONCLUSIONS" (E.G.
PERHAPS ONLY AN INTENSIVE EXCHANGE OF VIEWS), AND
TO ENSURE APPLICATION OF CONSENSUS; (B) TO ENSURE THAT
DRAFTING OF LANGUAGE OF ANY RESULTS RESTED WITH
PARTICIPANTS RATHER THAN WITH SECRETARIAT;

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(C) TO ESTABLISH NEED FOR SUMMARY RECORD IN WHICH
DISSENTING VIEWS COULD BE RECORDED; (D) TO AVOID
PRECEDENT THAT WOULD ESTABLISHED BY APPLICATION
OF RULE 11 THROUGH A PRIORI EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND
REPRESENTATIVES OF PRESS FROM CONSULTATIONS.

2. CHAIRMAN GROUP B MET WITH SECRETARIA AND

CAIRMEN OTHER REGIONAL GROUPS AFTERNOON
JAN. 11 TO DISCUSS DRAFT RULES, AND REPORTED TO GROUP B
AFTERNOON JAN. 12. AT JAN. 11 MEETING, SECRETARIAT
AGREED TO DELETION OF DRAFT RULE 11 AND THERE WAS
GENERAL AGREEMENT ON NEED FOR SUMMARY RECORD; ON
POINT (A) ABOVE, WHILE OTHERS ACCEPTED GROUP B
VIEW THAT RESULTS OF MEETING COULD TAKE FORM OTHER
THAN "RECOMMENDATIONS AND CONCLUSIONS," G-77
(NIGERIA - ADENIJI) REJECTED PROVISION FOR UNQUALIFIED
CONSENSUS FOR ADOPTION BY PARTICIPANTS OF
RESULTS OF MEETING; ON POINT (B), THERE WAS GENERAL
AGREEMENT WITH GROUP B VIEWS, BUT SECRETARIAT INSISTED
ON ITS PREROGATIVE TO WRITE REPORT ON MEETING, IN
ADDITION TO ANY SUMMARY RECORD, FOR USE BY EXECUTIVE
DIRECTOR, WITH EXPECTATION THAT HE WOULD SUBMIT
THAT REPORT TO INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT BOARD.

3. FURTHER DISCUSSION OF G-77 STAND ON CONSENSUS,
WHICH RECEIVED SUPPORT OF GROUP D
(COMMUNIST BLOC), RESULTED IN PROLONGED WRANGLING
OVER DEFINITION OF CONSENSUS. INABILITY OF
ALL PARTIES TO AGREE ON THIS POINT LED TO DECISION
TO DO AWAY WITH FORMAL RULES OF PROCEDURE, LEAVING
IT TO CHAIRMAN AND PARTICIPANTS TO DEVELOP ACCEPTABLE
GROUND RULES AD HOC.

4. BRIEF DISCUSSION OF COMPOSITION OF BUREAU RESULTED
IN AGREEMENT THAT FERNANDEZ (INDIA CHAIRMAN OF
PREPARATORY COMMITTEE) WOULD BE ACCEPTABLE TO ALL
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AS CHAIRMAN; G-77 INSISTED THAT EACH REGIONAL GROUP BE
"REPRESENTED" ON BUREAU IN FORM OF VICE-CHAIRMAN, GIVING
TOTAL OF 4 VICE-CHAIRMEN.

5. GROUP B DISCUSSION OF VON SCHENCK'S
REPORT CONCLUDED THAT, WHILE OUTCOME OF JAN. 11 MEETING
NOT DAMAGING TO GROUP B INTERESTS, LACK OF AGREED
RULES AND PROBLEM OF COMPOSITION OF BUREAU WOULD
LEAD TO UNAVOIDABLE CONFUSION DURING EARLY PART OF
CONSULTATIONS. COMPOSITION OF BUREAU POSES THORNY
PROBLEM FOR GROUP B, ESPECIALLY IF, IN LACK OF RULES
OF PROCEDURE, BUREAU DEVELOPS INTO STERRING GROUP/DRAFTING
GROUP. NOMINATION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN TO "REPRESENT" GROUP B
WOULD AT SAME TIME GIVE MEETING SOMETHING OF AN OFFICIAL
NATURE NOT DESIRED BY GREAT MAJORITY OF GROUP B
AND THREATEN EARLY DIVISION OF OPINION ALONG
"GROUP" LINES RATHER THAN LEADING TO DISCUSSION
OF EXPERT VIEWS ON MATTERS OF TECHNICAL SUBSTANCE.
GROUP DECIDED THAT "INTERESTED PARTIES" OF GROUP B

SHOULD GET TOGETHER PRIVATELY EARLY AFTERNOON
JAN. 17 TO ATTEMPT COME TO GRIPS WITH THIS PROBLEM
IN THE LIGHT OF WHAT TRANSPIRES AT
OPENING SESSION OF THE CONSULTATIONS MONDAY MORNING.
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